

USACE FINANCE CENTER
BIWEEKLY REPORT
PERIOD ENDING 5 FEBRUARY 1999

CEFMS:

CEFMS ISSUES:

a. We have received and reviewed the draft CEFMS Phase IX report from USAAA. This phase included a segment on the review of our Y2K activity. We have requested that USAAA release the final on this phase. Upon receipt of the final report we will process the decision paper on raising the level of CEFMS Y2K Certification from Level 3 to Level 2. USAAA recommends that we use their report as the basis for raising the Y2K certification level.

b. We are continuing to move the CEFMS User Manuals to the USACE Finance Center web site. This effort should make the user manuals more accessible and reduce some of the frustration experienced by CEFMS users. We are also moving pertinent information from our Y2K Certification to the web site not only to provide the current information but possibly to prevent duplicate effort that some locations may be undertaking in regards to Risk Assessment and Contingency Planning.

c. The following changes/functionality were placed in production during the period:

- Released new functionality to provide the capability to move/transfer Revolving Fund Group Plant (Assets) from one group to another.

- Upgraded all test/development CEFMS databases to ORACLE version 7.3.4.3. This gets us in position to work with the latest version of the Operating System-Solaris v7.

- Upgraded rmf31 to Solaris v7.

PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:

a. The open problem report inventory is 1,255 compared to 1,293 on the last report. The inventory includes 255 Priority #1 problem reports. The open inventory also includes 174 problem reports related to the CEFMS Modernization/GUI work management effort.

b. Thirty (30) of the sixty-three databases have no imbalances, six (6) have one (1), five (5) have two, six (6) have three, another twelve (1) sites have nine or less. Only four (4)

sites have more than ten.

ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS:

CONSOLIDATION OF OPERATING FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING FUNCTIONS:

UPCOMING CONSOLIDATIONS:

a. We signed the MOU between HECSA and the USACE Finance Center on Tuesday 26 January 1999. This is the MOU for the sites in the National Capital Region (HECSA, ERDC, ISC/PPB, WRSC, and HQUSACE) the final sites to be consolidated in the current schedule.

b. We are continuing to work the MOA's for the North Atlantic Division/Districts which are the next in the schedule.

NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ON BOARD PERSONNEL:

LOCATION:	NUMBER:
Huntsville	26
Millington	261
Washington	2
Other	1
DA Interns (Millington)	5
Total	295

DISBURSING WORKLOAD DATA:

PAYMENTS	As of 01/31/99	Current Month	Year to Date
BY CHECK:			
Checks Issued	84,609	4,736	89,345
Dollar Amount	\$1,315,631,408	\$86,918,207	\$1,402,549,615
BY EFT:			
Transfers Made	20,898	1,175	22,2073
Dollar Amount	\$784,391,371	\$32,733,384	\$817,124,755

OTHER UFC ISSUES:

a. Our Review and Analysis Division is in the process of resolving a problem with the Treasury regarding 'borrowing authority'. Because of an oversight by Treasury one line of our CFO statements does not match the 2108 report. This action is also being coordinated with DFAS to ensure expedient and efficient resolution.

b. We are planning/gearing up for the 1st in a series of 7 CFO Analysis and Correction Workshops to be conducted here at the UFC. Our first workshop, Analysis Direction, is scheduled for 22 Feb 99. Notification was provided to the field on Friday 5 February 1999 laying out the parameters and schedule for the workshops. Other workshops focusing on CFO reconciliation issues are planned through April.

c. Representatives from DFAS were in Millington the week of 1-5 February conducting IATS training on version 5.1.2. All UFC, POD, and TAC Travel Branch personnel were trained. All sites that we support have been advised of potential delays in travel claim processing during and immediately following the training. The next IATS event is the Acceptance Testing which is scheduled for 8-19 February.

We are currently on schedule to transition Mobile, Waterways Experiment Station, Huntsville, Wilmington and Omaha to IATS 5.1.2 on Monday, 8 February. Four travel branch employees will again be working with DFAS as 'testers' on the sites identified above. The remaining sites will continue to process on IATS 4.33 until the System Acceptance Test is complete.

d. We have begun the process to change the Unit Identification Codes (UIC's) for all Finance Center employees. The approved Concept Plan for establishment of the Finance Center contained a new military UIC with an effective date of March 1999. A new civil UIC has also been established for the Finance Center. The projected date for completing conversion to these new UICs is mid March. We have begun coordination of these changes with both DFAS Denver (payroll) and our CPOC (HR functions) in Huntsville, AL.

e. In celebration of the achievements of African-Americans, the UFC has scheduled a series of events for February. The first two activities, a brown-bag lunch fashion show representing an historical and informational display of African-American culture, were conducted during the week of 1-5 February. We also initiated a poetry contest based on the theme 'Keep Hope Alive'. The poems will reflect the accomplishments of African-Americans that have made our world a better place.